

1 Pennine Sterling for Sale

Pennine Sterling 510 (2004) Folding Camper

3 x double-beds. Excellent clean condition (2 owners from new, first owner hardly used it!).

Well maintained, and regular service to braking system, wheels, etc.

Includes complete awning, poles and pegs, and 25m power hook-up cable.

Lots of extras! Everything ready. Just grab your clothes, sleeping gear, food and GO ON HOLIDAY !!!

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After 4 years great fun with our Pennine camper, we are now upgrading to a caravan.

Photos are best viewed with your PDF Viewer at 100% zoom/size.



All canvas in good condition, zips sound and working, no tears and fully waterproof.



All windows sound, clean and flexible. All skirts, elastic straps, etc are fine.



Leisure battery good condition, waste pipe and water feed pump fine and clean. The kitchen window can be rolled up on hot days letting the cool breeze flow freely through the mosquito net.



*With the awning you've got enough room to swing a cat and have a wild party.
Note the side-skirt under the camper van which pegs down and prevents wind
blowing through from under the camper.*

Our family has owned between us all, two Pennine Sterling 510's and one Pathfinder. We love these campers. They have character and are the closest thing to camping while having the mod cons. Once erected, and everything put into place they are very nicely trimmed inside, and with the inner tents and pretty curtains not only does it look nice inside, it's quite cozy.

The beauty of them is that you can pre-pack a lot of stuff ready inside the camper before you set off, food in the fridge and cupboards, bedding laid out, shoes and various bags in between the seats. It's surprising how much stuff will stow inside it for the journey.

Quick Set-Up

They are so easy to put up; quickly up in about 5 minutes, and another 10 minutes to get everything neat, fastened, tied up, put up the curtains inside and get the kettle on. Another half hour to put the awning up and you're done. Of course how much longer you take to get the rest of your stuff together, chairs, un-pack clothes, put up pretty lights around the awning, and so on depends on whether you want to open the wine and chill out instead!

Towing

It's fast, stable and easy to tow being fairly streamlined. No extra mirrors needed.

General Condition

We have seen several other Pennines (out of curiosity!) while holidaying on campsites, in

varying states of use and repair, and can confidently state that this camper is in excellent condition. When over-wintering it has been stored under a complete wrap-around winter cover.

We will point out some of the things to check for on the Pennine campers. As with all campers, caravans and tents the most common problem can be mildew/mold. Whether you get it depends on what you leave inside the camper over winter, you will find this advice in most camping forums: It is advisable to remove all linen, inner tents, bedding, pillows, etc which might hold the damp. Also empty any water containers (e.g. porta-loo, aqua roll, kettle, etc) as otherwise water vapour can condense on their cold surfaces and drip down onto the floor/carpet.

By taking these precautions we have had very little mildew in our van.

2 What Else Is Included?

Ok, let's run through all the other things which make this a really good deal !



Proper Pennine supplied Winter Cover and holdall (the white is the inside of the cover).

2.1 Water & Waste



Includes black waste water container (and pipe), Aqua Roll water carrier (and handle in a different pic). Winter cover on right.



You even get a Thetford Porta-loo ! Perfect for mid-night use in the awning (saves trudging to the toilet block). Perfectly clean/fresh and in good working order. Pump flush.



2.2 Kitchen Utensils



Some plates & bowls



Some cutlery to get you started, including a bottle opener!

2.3 Miscellaneous Items



Let there be light - in the awning, with these 2 twin fluorescent tube lights, which use clips to fix to the awning poles.



2 x camping chairs

3 Tour of Everything Else

Now, if you've not seen inside one of these campers properly, let's run through the various things of note.

Pay attention there's plenty more pics to look at !

The photographs shown below were taken weekend of May 7/8th 2011 as we checked it after winter storage, and prepared it for sale. In some of the pictures the canvas was not folded down because it makes for easier cleaning, airing and lifting things in and out, and the frames were not fully extended so that its easier to reach up when you're clipping the inner tents back into place on the framework. Obviously when everything is done up, the whole rig has a neat tidy appearance.

3.1 Kitchenette



The kitchenette unit just lifts off the top and is stowed on the floor between the seats for travelling.



All cupboard units in immaculate condition. The door catches work positively.

The sink tap is operated by the little black button between the left cupboard and the fridge. It's at the right height so you can press with your finger, or if your hands are wet/soapy/full you can operate it with your knee!



*Fridge is most efficient on 240v or Gas (and 12v to keep it cool while travelling).
The freezer compartment can make ice.*

The fridge is clean and fresh (no mold!), and works well once its got nice and cold for the first time after being in storage. This means it's usually best to plug the mains power into the camper the night before you set off to get the fridge really cold, then put your food in next morning. When traveling, the fridge will be kept cool by your car battery (remember to turn on the little red 12v power switch). Once at the campsite, either hook-up to the mains again, or use the gas.

Also of note is that two years ago the fridge failed and we had a new cooler/heat exchanger and 240v element fitted.



Stainless steel sink/drainer with 12v water pump, and black waste hose. The tap lifts up to vertical. A black button on front panel operates the water.

You plug the water pump into a panel on the outside of the van (see 3rd photo from beginning) and dangle it into your water container. Don't forget to make sure you plug the sink unit into the internal water connector (photo below), otherwise when you operate the tap button and wonder why water is not coming out of the tap, you will flood the kitchen! Doh!



These are the gas and water connections into the kitchen sink/stove unit. The plastic tray these plug into is in good condition (on some Pennines this part cracks).



Lovely clean cooker.



Lids held open with easy fit side stays. Note that we have fitted new catches which hold much better than the old ones.



The grill area is spotless.



Grill pan for bacon, toast, etc.

3.2 Cupboards & Table



The wardrobe. This slides along a runner, then folds downwards onto the floor beside the fridge when travelling. Has a clothes hanger rail at top, and a set of cloth wardrobe shelves included.



This is the runner for the wardrobe to show its in GOOD condition. (On some Pennines these aren't too good and the wardrobe can come off them).



Bottom cupboard. Note also fixed Pennine insignia doormat, and another mat.



The table. Use either inside the camper for meals, or outside in the awning to stand stuff on, e.g. beer!

3.3 Stowage & Curtains



Dining area carpet is clean with only a couple of small marks. The underseat stowage holds the awning, poles, curtains and a whole load of other stuff.

There are 6.5 pairs of curtains (unfortunately one awning curtain was blown away on a very gusty night!); 3 for the interior kitchen/dining area, and 3.5 for the awning. Sorry no picture of the curtains, but they're all immaculate, clean, fresh and ironed.



Complete set of curtain rods.

3.4 Bedding & Cushions



Bed mattresses are nice and clean. No marks anywhere.



Bottom side of bed mattresses. No mildew.



Main seating cushions all in good nick.



One of the dining area seats, including 4 matching cushions (2 for each seat).

3.5 Inner Tents



This shows one of the end bedroom inner tents. Fresh, clean and dry, no marks, no tears. The zipped curtain-doors can be rolled up and tied in place.



This is the roof inner lining and skirt. Fresh, clean and dry, again no marks or tears. Obviously this pulls tight when the camper poles are extended fully.





The end bedrooms are good solid constructions, and comfy to sleep in.



Another view of the wardrobe, mirror, light and other bedroom.



Some slight condensation water marking on the wooden bed boards at the kitchen end.



Wooden boards very clean at the opposite end.

3.6 Power



Battery compartment, with leisure battery in good condition. The door of the battery compartment has had a new catch fitted. The main power fuse box and Leisure battery charger inside the van supply 240v to 13A sockets, and 12v to standard low-voltage sockets. All in perfect working order.



Power panel just inside the door with 12v Pennine power socket (plug the awning lights into this).



You have the luxury of 240v and 12v power sockets. Plug a kettle in this side.



Another 240v socket. Take a 4-way adapter for your radio/CD, iPod chargers, hair dryer, etc.



The interior fluorescent light for the van. The position of this is good to light the van, do make-up in the mirror, and also shines nicely out into the awning.

3.7 Windows & Exterior



The van windows are flexible but fairly thick clear PVC. They are 3-layer; Inside zip-up PVC window and velcro fastening at top. Next a mosquito net. Then the outside PVC window is held away by the window rods to allow ventilation. You can also roll/fasten the outside windows right up, and release the inside windows right down for maximum ventilation in hot weather.



The window pole bow rods stow in this blue bag which pop-clips to the side of the van.



Note the aluminium profile on the side of the van (in the above photo). This has a velcro strip on its underside which the top canvas pulls down and folds under to attach to the velcro. On

some old Pennines the velcro loses its grip or worse gets ripped off completely. Ours is still firmly in place with plenty of grip.



Window bow rods.

On some Pennines we have seen the carbon-fibre window rods with damaged/split shafts that bend, and so the windows aren't held in shape properly. Ours are in perfect nick, which means the windows are held open to ventilate properly on hot days (see below).



This is how the main canvas wraps over before folding the camper back over to close it down and into the base.



Front end, clean, no dents. The door gives access to stowage and two gas bottles.



The normal (blue) towing camper cover rolls up, folds down and stows under a PVC flap (above right). Note the woodwork is in good condition, although some slight water-marking.

The front stowage access door (above photo) has always been a poor design on Pennine

campers. They have securing pins which insert into holes at the bottom of the door frame (instead of hinges) so that the whole door can be lifted out for easier access. It's a good idea, but unfortunately over time and constant use the fibre-glass cracks around the pop-rivets holding the pins, and eventually the pins break off. One pin has broken off our door (top left of photo below). Therefore always be careful when lifting the door out and back in.



While this makes it less secure at the bottom of the door frame, when the two lockable catches at the top are locked, this holds the door securely enough for it not to be a problem.

There is a crack at the left-hand side of the stowage compartment. To prevent further damage, this has been strengthened by means of some rivets, washers, and a metal bar on the inside, as shown in the photo below.



Sides good, no dents. Door opens/shuts fine, handle/lock fine, and door-hold catch works well. Foot step included.



Roof canvas is clean and in good nick.



*Note handles at both rear and front corners for manouvreing the van. Big reflectors, and all lights operate correctly (brakes, indicators, sidelights, reverse).
The brace bracket frame holds the bed compartments up firmly.*



The rear end and other side of the van is nice and clean, no dents or scratches.

3.8 Pegs & Poles



All pegs present and correct for awning. Peg pull-out hook, and spare awning hole peg elastic. And a mallet!



Awning pole set (holdall bag included).



Many Pennines suffer from the awning pole plastic end lugs getting broken off or worn with age, and then they don't hold properly in the keyhole sockets they slot into. As you can see these are still in reasonable condition.



This is the central awning connector. Its keyhole is perfect.



Groundsheet (left) and awning bag (right). Dog not included!

3.9 Security



Opposite side of the van, clean and no dents or scratches. The wheel-clamp is included in the deal.





Hitch-lock is included in the deal.

4 List of Things

So let's recap on everything you get with this camper:-

- **Awning, poles and pegs**
- **Ground-sheet**
- **Leisure battery 85A ABS**
- **25m power hook-up lead**
- **2 x chairs**
- **Kitchen utensils, plates, bowls, cutlery, spatulas**
- **Twin fluorescent awning lights**
- **Metal foot step**
- **Thetford Portable Toilet and chemicals**
- **Waste water container**
- **Aqua roll fresh water container and pulling handle**
- **Wheel-clamp**
- **Hitch-lock**

- **Winter-cover**
- **2 x gas bottles** (one approx. half full, and one 1/4 full)
- Brace for winding legs up/down
- Folder containing original User Manual, and all related paperwork, e.g. erecting instructions, spare bits, awning instructions, porta-loo, fridge instructions, etc.

That's it. Thanks for looking.